

The life off
the 70. Archbishopp
off Canterbury presentlye Sit-
tinge Englished / and to be added
to the 69. lately Sett forth
in Latin.



This numbre off seuent
ty is so compleat a number as it
is great pitie ther shold be one more: but
that as Augustin was the first/so
Mathew might be
the last.

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DEUTSCHE

HISTORIOLA.

A little stoye of the a-
ctes and life of Mathew now/
Archbisshoppe of Canterbury.

Sowe fithens we ha-
ue declared many thinges
which we thought specially
worthye of rehersall con-
cerning thestate off corpus
Christi cou. and the actes of certayne ma-
sters therof: it remaineth that we drawe
out the narratiō a little longer for the fore
said Mathew Parker his sake of whom
we have hitherto spoken thosethinges
which he onely did for the amplyfying
and commoditie off the said colledge off
the which he was mayster. But his prai-
se was not shue vppe onely wythin those
walls / but he being called from thence
to other functions in the cōmon weals
the/ at the last did beare the highest offi-
ce of the Ecclesiasticall ministerie. for he
was the archbisshoppe of Canterburye
Therefore in his hystorie (because his fa-
me was more renowned then any of
the maysters of whom we haue made

mention) we will staye a litle longer / and
repeate the course of his life even from
his cradell. He was borne in that fa-
mous citie of the east Angles which ys cal-
led Norwiche in the yeare of the incar-
naciō of our lord a thowsand syue huns-
dred four / the sixt daye of the moneth
of August / of honest parers cizzens / his
father called willia / and his mother Alis-
ee / who caused his childhode to be instru-
eted in the elements of gramer (as the
coustome was then in the citye to frame
the witts of children) within their ows-
ne house till he was xvii. yeeres olde. At
whiche tyme being Past his Childhode /
his mother ridde him of her house / his
father being dead / and sent him to Cam-
bridge / to thentent that the sonndation
of learning beinge already laid by the
knowledge of gramer / he might finis-
she the rest of the building in learning the
arts. Therfore in corpus Christi coll. he
was sustainted at the first / wholly by his
mothers charges / of the which after a fe-
we monethes she being eased / he was
choson into the number of those scollers
which are called bibleclarkes of the espe-
ciall

ciall duetye which they execute. He was
veiled in logicke and Philosophie first in
S. Maries hostell / the title and gouern-
ment wheroff pertained then to cor-
pus Christicoll. vntill it ceased to be an
house of learning for schollers. In these
tindes of studye whē he had spent three
yeres and a little more / before the fourth
was fully complete / he was made bas-
chelor of arte / and thre yeres after that
a mayster off Arte and fellowe besides off
corpus coll. being first etred in all the ri-
tes of hollye orders. But nowe he being * Poope ho
very well and perfectly instructed in the lyc.
liberall sciēces / * he applied all his myn As the cour-
de to the studye of diuinite / and to the re se of his
adinge of the volūes of th' ecclesiasticall life bathe
fathers / and that so earnestlye / that in declared.
Shorte space of tyme he bestowed his la for he gott
bor not unprofitablye in this behalfe. for therby abe
after the space of fourte or fift yeres he nefice or
issuing frō his secret and solitarie studie two.
into open practise in the common welthe * He that
preached euerie where vnto the people Preacheith
with greate commendation / and that in the most famds cities and places of this every whe
realme / by the auctoritie of king Henry repreach.

A iii the no where.

the viij. by whose lettres patentes this
was graunted vnto hi together with the
licence of the Archb. of Canterbury. In
executing of this ffectiō of preaching he
gained this commoditie / that the fame
of him came vnto the eares of king
Henry. wheruppon he being called into
the kings courte / was ther / first made
* Charges Chapleyne to Queene Anne while s he li-
thinges es ued/afterward to king H̄ry the viij. and
mough for last off all to Edward the vj. when he
one man. Ruled the common wealth. All which
prices bestowed on him very large/ and
plentifull Rewards for his diligence.
But he shewed betymes, for by favor off Queene Anne/he was
what ga- made deane off Stoke/neere vnto Clare
me be lo- in suffolke/by the liberalitie off king Hen-
yed. Paule ryc/ther was geue vnto him a Prebend
sayethe off the new erection in the churche off
they sche Elye/ when he was now Bachelor off
there owne diuinitie: after when he had clymed to
not the thin the degree off doctorshippe / by the
ges which kings letters off commendation he was
belonge to made master off corpus Christi colleds
Christie le- ge where he had spent his youth in less-
ning. Edward the sixt not inferior to his
suc. Philip, facher in bountifull and liberall nature/

in rewarding with free giftes the seruise
ce off suche as pertained vnto him gaue
him also his desert in the seconde yeere
off his raigne / the⁴ deanerye off Licolne
and the pribed off coringha in the same * A good
churche. He had besides by the gifte off conscience.
the coll. where he was mayster / * a bene * what is
fice in the diocesse off Elye / called Land^s to glory in
beache neere vnto Cambrydge : further their s has
at this tyme he retayned and safelye held me which.
the deanrye off Stoke / against all the im- Paule spea:
portunate suit and complaints off dis- kerbe off if
uers that labored for it / vntill the first yeere off Edward the sixt / when by a stat^e this be no-
tute made atthat tyme / he was constrai-
ned to leaue that preferment / receyuing
notwithstanding in recompence / a yees
rely summe off 40. pounds out off the
kings common treasure. But the case
was so / that at his first comming this
ther he was the author off building a
scoole within the coll. off Stoke / and off
the apointing a yeerly stipend vnto the
scoolemaster / to the ede that they ou he
moughth be ther instructed in grammer
and in the whole studye off humanite:
whervp^d by and by ther repaired thither

A viij on

onheapes/ the sonnes aswell off noble/
as meane mē/ so that it grieued him abo
ue all thiges/* either him selfe to forsake
* Wordly that goodlye compaigny off youthes/or
greif did it that it shuld be seuered and dispersed as
grieve him gaine/ althoughe that by his trauaile he
to be frō his had prouided before / that the scoole
benefice frō shold haue some assurāce although weas
his dencry, Fe and vnstedfast, But cōcernighe pros
motions wherwhi the bouny (as I haue
said) off Henrye the father/ and Edward
* To pleas the sonne/ had largeiy enriched him he re
sante vnto aped off them very * pleasant fruite/ vn
bym to be till the hard and troublousome tymeis off
profitable Queene Marie. In the seconde yeere off
whose raigne he was dispossesfed off all
vnto others his goodes/ not enjoying any cyther cōs
moditie or yeerely stipend. The which ex
treame calamitie was cōmon vnto him
with almost all the Bis hoppes off Eng
land and otherministers off the churche
for many causes and pointes of Religiō/ and
especially for that one: that they had
maried wifes/ the which was lawfull to
the ministers off the churche by the statut
es off king Edward the sixt: establisched
in two severall parliamenteis/ and by the
eyers

eternall word off God aboue which for
any mortall man to presume / it is bothe
extreame madnes intolerable pride) per
mitteed / and specially for auoyding off
whoredome commanded by S. Paule.
for this cause therfore he being deprived
off all thinges which he had attained to
by the bountrye off his lordes / he lurked
secreatlye for those yeeres wherin Quee
ne Marie raigned / within the house off
one off his frindes leading a poore life
whithout any mans aide or succour/and
yet so well contented with his lotte/
that in that pleasant rest and laisure off
his studye / he wold never in respect off
him selfe haue desired any other kinde
off life the extreame feare off danger os
nelye excepted / wherin he liued with
all good men/ and that not without som
cause. for from the beginning off he rai
gne off Queene mary vntill the end ther
off very many Good men were burned/
not for murther , heft/ whoredome/ or
any other cryme/ But onely for ther ma
nifest constancie in the Religion off
Christe and ther open profesing off the
name off Christ against the Pope and all

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his confederates. Whose deathe very
glorioslye to ther praise wilbe remem-
bered togither with the cruytē off that
tyme off all posteritie for ever. But that
saynig off the Prophet is full off cōfort/
that God chideth not alwaiers nether
keperth his wrath for ever / and that off
the Philosophers also is true that nos-
thing violent is perpetuall. For at this
tyme queene mary died when she had
reigned almost sixe yeeres/ at which ty-
me God shewēd his iustice to all that
were afflicted/ and his iudgements to
those whiche had suffred wronge/ for Eliz-
abeth the sister off Marie/ a ladie off sin-
gulare wiſdomē and mildnes / expelled
out off her realme the bondage off Ro-
me / restored the pure doctrine off the
gospell / licensing the people to reade
the scriptures/ and calleth them all home
into ther countrye / which had wiſ-
linglye banished themſelues before. At
wich tyme ſhe preferret hi* for whose
praise this historicie is compiled to the
dignitie off tharchbifhoprick off Can-
terbury whē he a litell before had crept
out off his lurking hole into the open
ſight

* Yow
ſhot at a
Good mar-
che.

sight off the world with his wife whom
he wold not dismisse all the tyme off
Queene Marye / & womā very chast and
well manered and that did greatly re-
uerence hit husband off whom he begatt
thre children wheroff those two which
are onely aliue his care is to haue them
instruced in all liberall lerning / partlye
in thuniversite / and sondrymes at home
in his house. * But how vnwillinglye * The beso
he tooke vpon him this whither yow re that cō-
call yt burthen or dignitie off the Arch- eith vnwi-
bishoprick/refusing yt often times whē lingly to
yt was profered / ther conscience can the stake is
witnes which have not least to doo in willingly
the gouernment off the common wealth carryed frā
and suche as are in especiall favor with it.
the Queenes highnes. But when he had
once taken vpon him this drieſe cure and
charge off the Christian flocke / how wi-
ſely he behaued him therin for thos yees
res that are past / with generall allowan-
ce / consent / and fauour off all Good
men / how discretly also in ſo great diuers-
ſtie and diſſention off iudgementes /
how vprightly and ſincereſy in other
mens matters and controuerties / with
hom

how great gentilnes and patience in oþer mens wrath and displeasure/ with what forbearing and sufferaunce toþ wardes the euill that he might winne them / with what godlines in reconciling the stomakes off gentilmen and determining ther controuersies/ how loþe he was that contumeliously they shold drawe eche other into the law/ * lastly

* men may how often his voice was hard to sound easely tell owt off the holy pulpittes / as well off how often his cathedrall church/as the churches off wher the other meane townes and villages/espess nombre is ciallly in this his old age / in his weake but smale. and crazed state off bodie/in the middest off so great busines/ and in thes contacious and pestilent times. all thes thinges I will leave as matters vtouched/ because ther are verie many which wis rhout me by the vew off his manners/ and tried trade off his life/are able to report thes and many thinges moþ: But

What greter aduersarie then a mans owne credit what soever I am: notwithstanding that I speake the truthe in differens sly

rly/and wold not applie my selfe to gaine
the fauour off men by flattery. Thers
fore I will passe to the declaration off
thos thinges/wherin I may easely auoid
the infamous blemishe offlatterie/ for
that ther are many which can witnes
with me/ that he deserued no smale com
mendation/because that after he had vis
ited his diocese through owt by him selfe + Anthony
fe/and not by any substitute / and which thought
was more of his owne charges/ for that he had gres
he + freely remitted to all the parishes atly pleas
the summes off ther procurations which sured Tuls
they shoule haue paid him for visitinge lly because
the diocese : that noble and famous pala ce off his sea off Carterbury by long eoti- be killed
nuance off time decaied / rotten / consu med with fire and almost laid euene with iustly.
the ground in all the buildinges theroff/ * Ys it tyme
he reued/buylded/fully + restored and be to build
autifid yt with this faire and glorious your seeled
shew wherin yt now florisheth/not fea bowses and
red from this enterprise either by the in not tyme to
finite labour and traualle/neither dissus build the
aded by the want off necessarie thinges howse off
which shoule haue bene left him off his God. Ag. 88
predecessors / nor by the dearth off the
tyme

tyme nor by the wages off the laborers
which were merueilously increased/nor
by any other lettes or hinderances/But
rat he fully finished yt in the yere off the
incarnation off our lord 1564.the sixt yees
re off the reigne off Queene Elizabeth
and in the 52. yeere off his age / and the
fifte off his consecration. In the which
yeere he also endeavored to repaire the
quires off thos churches which were las
tely come into his possession / off which
sort he had very many in his diocese/part
ly by the exchange off auncient poss
essions off the Archbischoprick/made bet
wene Kinge Henry the eight and Tho.
Archbischopp off Canterbury his predes
sessor/partly for an other exchange off
the possessions off the Archbischoprick
by a statute establisched for the same pur
pose/in the first yeere off Queene Elizas
beth before he obtained the See. The
charges off which building / besides the

* Turne mi
ne eyes frō
beholding
vanity.
Psal. 119.

yearely reparations off other howses/
grew to the summe off a thousand fourte
hundreth powndes and somewhat more.
The whiche he did the rather * for that he
had heard that hall off the palacie withs

in his remembrance singular and famouſ for the largenes theroff / to have bene honored in the yeare off our ſalua-
tio 1519. by the presence as well off Char-
les the fifte emperour / as off Henry the
eigthe king off that name / with his wife
Bartherine whom the Emperor came
then to ſee being his aunt. This hall
thoſe princes then occupied with all the
troupe off ther garde and retinwe / ſo that
for all the princes affaires / for trium-
phes and feaſtes the upper part theroff
was appointed for the Emperor Charles / and the nether part for Henry the
King. But the cheſteſt cauſe that he coue-
ted to preſerue the magnificence off that
hall was / for the memory off the corona-
tion off Kinges and Queenes very off-
ten times celebrauēd in that place / and
the installinge off Archbis hopps his pre-
deceſſors (which they commonly call in-
thronization) to whose ſumptuous feaſ-
tes ther hath bene very great reſort as
well off lordes / as gentilmen / with an in-
finite troupe of others to celebraue and ho-
nor that feaſt with ther preſeſce. At which
haft in his predeceſſors times / certeine
dukes

with much * dukes and earles were high stewardes
adoo the by custome/ receivinge an yeerly pension
kinge was and a reward fit for so great personas
excepted ges: as off late the duke off Bulingha in
from the the inthronization off william warham
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tuous feasting a multitude sufficient for
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off the great estates off Bent. For this
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from every place in great companies/he
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out the hall/which was garnished with
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and beautifull / brought out off flauns-
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the feast off the Archbisshop. which feast
howe boütfull it was in daintiekates/
how well and orderly all thiges were ser-
ued by the Archbisbops hows hold/how
well this his curtesie was accepted/how
oftetymes the tables in the hall were fre-
shly furnished with new guesstes the sae
day/ I coueting to be shoit will not here
declare/but I leave it to the memorie off
thos which then were presēt out off the
whole countrye. And *this curtesie in feas-
ting was not at that time only shewed
by that occasiō but before also he vsed in
the same hall the like solemnitye at other

* whose
God is ther
belly.

Phil. 3. 19.

tymes : partly at whitson tide the Arch-
bisbopp him selfe boith preaching and
celebratinge the holy communion / first
in the cathedrall church / at which time
the prebendaries off the church / and the
Maior off the citye with his brethren/
and others inferior citizens together
with many gentilmen off t[he] contrie
bringing him home / dined in the same
hall / the places being so ordered / that
the Archbisbopp satte in the middest off
the high table/on his left hand the ma-
ior and all the other men as euery man

excelled in dignitie and countenaunce/ and so on one side off the hall a continuall rowe of me followed to other tables/ sett in order and seuered by a litle space betwene / through out the lenght off the hall. On his right hand satte onely some noble women and the honorable wives off other men / leading frō euery side off his table a course and right line of wo^men through owt the length off the hall altogether like and correspondent to that rowe off men wheroff we speake before The which order off placing was obserued in honor of the Queēes highnes/ for that vnder hit being governour of the reialme/ the said Mathew obteined his place. And this first furnishing off tables thus ended / ther were others partly off the Arschibshops familie/partly off the countryther about which strait way satte downe in their places which rose/ in the same order as before. And this manner off feasting cōtinued by the space of two daies nāely mōday ad tewesdai. Besides this/ the daye off the hollye and insepara ble Trinitye folowig (for he thought that that daye ongt especially to be solēnlye ce

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brated for the famous memorie offyng
Henrye theyght who was the laste res-
stor of the churche and an excellent res-
former off euill ceremones and custos-
mes) he spent in the like curesye offen-
terayning off guesis the accustomed
praiers in the cathedrall churche beynge fir-
ste finis hed. At which tyme / one off the
chiefe ministers off the churche / made a
sermon and Mathew tharchbishoppe
himselfe / was minister off the blessed
communion and supper off our Lorde
vnto the people / standing in the vpper
ende/or corner off the churche. The admi-
nistration off which comfortable bane
quett after he had ended he went home
accompained with the whole number
and congregation off the cathedrall
churche / which sate downe to the festis
vall dinner the said hall / and in the same
manner as before/with other chiefe mes-
sene both off the citye and countrey. Agai-
ne the three and twentith day off July
folowinge/was the day off assize and pu-
blis meetinges off the Judges / and o-
ther off the prouince/ether to understand
mens causes/or to punishe manifesta-
tions

offenders / as wee haue before declared
the said hall was likewise replenisched/
only excepted/that the guests weare on-
ly gentlemen / and off the besle off the
woomen being placed at very exquisite
fare/within the inner parlors. But as
mongest thinges whiche happened / vns
to him in his life worthi off memorye.
I reioyce especially for this his felicitie/
that wheras after Augustine the fyfste
Archbishoppe/be was the seventith/ yet
he was both the firsste / and only man/
that attayned vnto tharchbischoplike di-
gnitie with out any blemishe or spott off
olde wiues superstitions and vnprofys-
table ceremonies off the Romishe Pope.
for as every one off them entred firsste
herunto by builis / off approbation sent
from the Pope: so he was consecrated ne-
ther with these / nor any other olde / and
idell ceremonies off Iarons ornamētes/
neither with gloves / nor sandales / nor
slippers / nor miter / nor pall / but more
chastely and religiouſly / according to
the puritie off the gospelle/ fowre bishop-
pes beinge appointed accordinge to a laſ-
wemade in that behalfe whiche placed

B w him

him in his chaire with sa godly promis-
ses protested by him/as it is meete shoul-
de of a gospellike pastor. And yet this bish-
(that I may so tearme it) ioyfull and so-
lempne daye he spent not negligentlye/
but with garments coly for a bisshoppe
with godly prayers / off the ecclesiastical
ministers/and peopell / vnto whome a
sermo was made by a learned religious
and a professed bishoppe in diuinite/chi-
efly to admonishe the pastor of his deu-
tie/and faythfullnes toward his flocke/

* He that knoweth and contrarywise/the flocke off loue/obes-
the will off dience and reuerence whiche they oughe
bis Maister to yelde to their pastor. The sermo ended
when the companie presete/ had refres-
hed the selues/ by partakinge the spiritu-
all bāquett: they make an ende with ear-
neste prayers vnto god/that that functiō
whiche was laide on him/ by the clergie/
mighe chiefly tende to the glory of god/
to the saluation of Christian flocke/ and
the ioyfull testimonie off his owne con-
science/by faythfull execwinge of his offi-
ce/when yt shall happen him to departe
vnto his lorde/to whome he vowed hym
selfe. And in the very same solemnitie/and
māner of consecration / he vsed toward

his bretherne bishoppes vpon whome
afterward he laide his hande / of the w
hich this is not to be let slipped by / that
wheare wee reade in histories / that soe
one off his predecessors hath consecrated
vnto god in one yeare 5.3. or 4. bretherne /
or at the moste 6. which the was thought
very strange: to him it chaunsed that in
the first yere off his governmēt / he cons
secrated ii. he confirmed 2. ad the 2. yeares Paulreioys
followyng he placed in their sees the wh ched not off
ole number of the bishops off Engelād those who
(saue only the bishoppe of Lādoffe) nas me he had
melye / the first yere he placed bishope in baptised
London se a Edmond Gryndall / in Ely but the ful
Richard Cockes / in worcester Edwine se Apostol
Sandes / in Bangor Roulard Merick / les, as for
in Lincoln li colas Bullinghā / in Sarum him he says
lisburye John Jewell / in S. Dawides / eib yowe a
Thomas younge / in S. Asoph Richard re my glo
Dawid / in Rochester Edmond / Gest / in ry and my
Barhe and welles Gilbert Barkley / at Lichfeld and Couentree John Bentam. Theſaloni
And in the same yere he confirmed wil
liam Barlowe somtimes bishope of Ba
ans whom
the and welles in chicheſter and John be won to
Scorie before bishope off chicheſter in the Goff.

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Herforde: And in the second yere next
followinge he created william Alley bi-
shope off Exeter / John Parkhurst off
Norwiche / Robart Horne off winches-
ter / Edmund Scamler off Peterbor-
ough / Thomas Dawid off Saine Asa-
phe / and Richard Cheyney off Gloucester.
Besides that / the same yere he confir-
med Archbis hoppe off york / Thomas
younge / translated from Saint Davis-
des / and confirmed also Thomas Das-
wid bis hōpē off Sainct Davides / trans-
lated from Sainct Asaphe. And in the
yere off our Lord 1564. when Antonie
bis hōpē off Landoffe died (who only re-
mained in his sea / and agreed to the reli-
gion / wheras the other bishops created
in the time off Queen Marie / wilhelde
ther consent from the Religion establis-
hed in the generall assemblie off all estat-
tes and orders / wheras they weare pres-
set / in the which assēblye this lawe was
made that who so refused to professse the
receyued Religion shold be deprived
off their authoritie / offices and promoti-
ons / as obstinat / in the number off who
me as their weare many off the ecclesiast-
icall

sticall order / so wear ther as many
which retained their dignities and pla-
ces/professing with vs the restored reli-
gion by A publik or the ministred vnto
them) in the tyme off him being deade/
he consecrated in theyere of oure Lorde
1565. Hug he Dauides Doctor off La-
we. And in theyere 1566. he consecrated
Nicoias Robinson Doctor off diuinitie
into the bishoptike off Bangor / and in
theyere 1567. he confirmed Henry Cures
win Doctor off Lawe in the bishoptike
off Oxforde. The whiche pastores and fa-
thers/ althoughe diverslye professed in
the Scoles off universtytes/ yet all wes
are/so well learned/ that they knewe hos-
weto distribute the lively worde off the
scriptures to the people off God/ with
due respecte off tyme place and persone
the whiche every one off them very of-
ten or rather continually doth in the cus⁺ haue set-
res committed vnto them the testimo⁺ Youre bias-
nie wheroff. so runneth

But that wee maye speake sumwhatte your bowes
off his manners and life/ off whom wee le.
presently entreat/ I can saye thus muche The day
that he was so shryfe an husbande by willin

that frugall waye/ whiche he tolke in dis-
posing the yeerly reuenues off tharcho
bis bopricke/ that by his prudēt sparinge
the rentes suffized for those great char-
ges / which he was at by reason off his
firſte frutes / and ſubſidies paide vnto
the Queene/ and other neceſſarie expens-
es / whiche he laied out in the begining
ge off his gouernement / for the pro-
vision of houſhouldē ſtuffe/ and implemen-
tes/ and by reason off hospitalitie. And
yet he ſo liberally ordered the frutes/ w
hich he reaped / and received off his Arz
Chiepiscopall dignitie/ that with whome
ſoever he delte/ in byinge neceſſarie thin-
ges for the uſe off his familie/ either weſ-
eklye he redered their money vnto them/
or at the moſte/ he diſferred it not to the

By his hea- end off three monethes/ ſo that never aſ-
pinge vpp ny man ſued him for debte. And it ſeſſ
of liuige by meth that his greatest + care thorowe
bauinge of ought his whole life / was that in every
charges wi estate off life / he might live from day to
thout doin- day with the A good testimonie off conſciſ-
ge of dew- ence / before god / and out off the debte-
tie by ſum- off everye man / the which he especially
priouſeſſe abhorred/ whearin he wiſely conſidered
bothe

þot he the shorþnes off mās life / and the flinge by
þrofite off his creditors / who he was great coste
vnwillige shoulde suffer any losse for his in brautie
sake / for that they trusted him so frendly and Lordly
for all the furniture off his howse : which pompe as is
losse perhaunce shoulde have happeþ before de
clared vnto them iſſ for the moſte parte
off those thinges which he boughte off
them he had not paide them their mo
nye before his death.

He therfore leadinge his liffe so vppri
ghlye and in diſſerentlye / althoughe by
reason off the þoſſessions off his landes
diminifhed / he coulde not benefitt his
þervants with any great þrefers
mentes / or rewardes : yet their are very
fewe amōgest them on whome / he hath
not bestowed sumwhat / that maye ^{* you shall} no doubt
succor ther necessities. Which yff yc
weare all together gathered in one sus
me / it woulde come to no ſimale deale /
conſidering the ſhorte tyme off his ad
ministration. Besides that all thi
nges are ſo deare / that the ſtipend
which he yerely geneith to his þervan
tes / is greater then off any his prede
cessors. He alſo often tymes bestoweth
on

on them more then covenannt/ especials
ly to his needye seruantes / in whome he
bathe perceived honestie / diligence and
trustnes in his affaires. By which wise
gouvernemente / he seemed vnto me to re-
member the mortalitie off man / the ins-
constancie both of life / and death/
which often tymes taketh a man a waye
vnawares / and to be myndfull also to
lesse[n] and diminishe his charges/ so that
if he had longer to live / he might have
whearwith to mayntayne his greate
costes and expenses. And it cannot be ot-
herwise / but that this was his minde
and meaning/because that off all the sen-
tences off the scripture/he especially do-
se that one / out off John the apostel/the
which / as he oftentimes vsed in his

* The Pha[r]ise did the on the walles of his house and the glasse
vyses did the off his windowes (the * worlde passeth
like in the and the concupiscence theroff) whearby
be of their he was wonte to call into his minde/
garmentes the britlenes off mans life / and the vas
The worl- nitie theroff/learninge therby / to repose
de laughe his trust upon God alone/ and wholly to
the at it. applye hymselfe to his will/ commaun-
dements/

dement / that when he shold gine an
accomp̄t off his stewardshippe / God
migh̄t not * finde hym vnprouided / nor
set̄ upon hym vnarmed. And to the end
that his mynde migh̄t more vchemen-
tlye be stirred to the meditation hereof /
he caused to be grauen in þārðbis ho-
pes scale / the manner off the last iudges
ment / wheare Christ sitteth gloriushye / finde him
and with maiestye / to iudge the quicke / beatinge
and the dead / vitteringe this voyce full of his fellowe
cōfōrt to his chosen / come ye blisſed / &c. seruaunts.
and that other woefull voyce to the res-
probate / goe ye cursed. Besides A man
may theare see the images off the dead /
grauen / comminge out off theare gra-
ues to iudgment. And that he migh̄t sig-
nifye / that men off his estate / seeldome
founde such counseler / as would blos-
dlye / and freely tell the off there duetye /
it happened by wise advise off the he-
rauld / that suche armes weare allotted
hym (as the vse for noble personages)
which boþ might expresse thancient ar-
mes of the stocke from whence he issued /
and might admonis he hym also off his
honor / and office in the churþ / in that /
thas

that starres weare added to his armes.
Whearunto Gualter Haddon Doctor of
lawe / a man off singular learninge / and
authoritie (whome our most noble
Queene Elizabeth appointed to be one
off the Masters off the requestes / and
Mathew hym selfe hadd made hym this
eſe Judge off his prerogatiue court)
verely finelly alluded in these verses.

The Keyes of auncient parentes tokens are.
Frō soueraigne prince doth cōe the tripell start.
So vertue,learninge, power, conspire best,
And sowe the pleasant seedes , of quiet rest
But yet the ioyes of life to ende do hast,
And man but dust before,to dust shall wast.

His Father

was an ho-
nest poore
man a scou-
rer or Ca-
lender off
worsteddes
of Norwic
cb so Kno-
wme and
taken.

Whearupon/as he acknowledgeth the
Keyes to perteyne vnto hym by the las-
te off nature / and inheritance / as leſt
hym off his fore + fathers / from whome
he descended/yett he thinketh them espe-
ciallye to agree with hym / by reason off
his spirituall function/which is wisiere
to open and shurt the Kingdome off hea-
uen to the C̄ristian congregatiōn / in
the which meaunige / the Beies wea-
re

re deliv'cted vnto Peter / and to all that
execute that spirituall office in churc'h of
preachinge the gospell.

But whearas we see the keye thrise * O deepe
in his armes / that hath respecte to Peſ
ters conuenant made with Christ vns ^{diuinie, th}
der that worde (feede) * thrise repeas ^{archbis hōs}
pe bath thr
ted.

Lastly the starres represent that off ^{ce} keies be
Danyell: The learned shall ſhine as the cauſe Chra
brighnes off the firmament / and they iſt ſaid pa
which inſtructe manie in the waye off ſee , paſſe
righteousnes as starres for ever and Nay rather
ever. ^{because he}

As therfore the starres bringe him ins locketh vp
to the remembraunce off his spirituall au the King
thoritie/ād office/ſoe also by the ſtarre/he dōe of hea
learneth to remēber what is required of uē ſoe fast
him/ that by the purenes off his lighte/ by holdinge
he ſhould ſhine to other/and by the he
auenly doctrine off the worde/ ſhould out of mini
ſters that
bringe againe into the lighte the cōgre
gation off Christ/ which nowe a greate might pre
while bath miserably lyen hidden / and aſche the
overwhelmed in groſſe darknes / by the worde,
tradiſ and keapi
ge in of idell and ignorant that can doe nothinge, that hara
die doth anie mā enter theari.

traditions off men. And that he might
not al togither forgett himselfe (as theye
are wont to doe which are sett vpp aloft
in the hyest roomes off the worlde) he
was wonte to rubbe his minde / with
the memorye off that sentence / that all
fame/estimation/honor / all magistrats
hippes/be theye off never so ample au-
thoritye/all titles and names howe glo-
rious soever theye seeme in the eyes off
men for a tyme / yett att the last / as the
whole world it selfe / and all brittle and
transitorye thinges / theyc shall peris-
she / and decaye. And in this sorteres
asoninge with him selfe / he passed by all
the entisments / off the worlde neither
stayed at them / as att the rockes off
the Syrenes. Therfore agreinge vnto
Paule/that he hadd not heere an abidins-
ge citye/accordinge to his meaninge/ he
sought that which was to come. The
which as it hathin it selfe / the greatest
certaintye / and saferye / soe this life is
vncoustant and corruptible/for as much
as all fleshe is grasse / and all the glorye
off man is as the flouer off the grasse/
which quicklye is cutt downe and wi-
sheth

thereth. In the which frayle/ and transis-
torye lyfe/he was carried forward with
a continual desiere/to profite the church
off god/for that he thoughte/he coulde
not bestowe his laboure better on anye
thinge (consideringe the place which he
occupied)the in the busie searchi off the
opinion off Doctores off his tyme and
conferringe them with the writers off
all ages. Besides he was verie carefull/
and not without some charges/to seeke
out the monumētes/off foremer tymes/
to knowe the religion off thancient fas-
theres/ and those especiallye which wes-
re / off the Englishe churche. Therfore
in seekinge upp the cronicles off the
Brittones and Inglyshe Saxōs/which
laye hidden every wheare contemned
and buried in forgetfullnes / and thros-
wgh the ignoraunce off the Languages
not wel vnderstandinge/his owen especi-
ally/and his mens diligēce wanted not.

And to the ende /that these antiquitie
es might last longe / and be carefullie
kept/he caused them / beinge broughte
into one place to be well bounde and try-
mly covered. And yet not so contented/he

denored to sett out in printe/certaine off
those aunciente monumentes / wheras
ross he knew very fewe examples to be
extante/and which he thoughtie woulde
de be most profitable for the posterys
rye/to instructe them /in the fay the and
religion off the elders.

Heere vpon / he caused the perpetus
all histories off the inglishe affaires / by
Mathaeus Parisensis once a Monke
off Sainte Aibanes / and Mathaeus
Florilegus / a Monke off Sainte Pe-
ters in we. m inster / written in latin/
to be printed / after he had diligentlie
conferred them with the examplea / w
hich he coulde gett in anye place / to
the ende / that as sincerely as might
be/as ihauthors first left them / he mis-
ghre deliver them into mens handes.

Lastlye that he migbte not be vnmind
full off those monumentes which boih
in antiquytye / worthines/ and authos
ritye excelled all other / or rather whes
are with-wone are to be compared (I
meane the holiy scriptures) heere he
thoughtie to doe great good/sf by his nūs
ber / he increased the holyc Bibles / w
hich

hich shoulde be wantinge vnto
to manye Churches / iff this discou-
modatyre weare not prouided for in sys-
me. Therfore it seemed good vnto hym
first with his learned seruantes to exa-
mine thowgbiye thinglishe transla-
tion / whearin he partlye vsid the helpe
off his bretheren Bishoppes / and
other Doctores / with whome he delte
so diligentlye in this matter / that thes
ye disdained not to be partners and
fellowes with hym off his laboure.

And nowe all * there worke is sett
out in verye fayer formes / and letters
off prante / and ihat not without grea-
te * frute (we hope) to all them / which
desier accordinge to the prescripte forthe,
worde off God / to worshippe God / * Let men
to yelde there dutifull obedience to thei^r judge who
re Prince / and to profit there contrye ther he did
to there pouer: and lastlye / to all those / so much
that by the mercye off God in Chrys goodbybre
sle / doe thirste for the health off thes gigein that
re soules / and the mooyinge off the life transla^{tiōn},
to come.

The chaps
laynes trau-

uiled, and
the Bishop,

es brought

desier accordinge to the prescripte forthe,

worde off God / to worshippe God / * Let men

to yelde there dutifull obedience to thei^r judge who

re Prince / and to profit there contrye ther he did

to there pouer: and lastlye / to all those / so much

that by the mercye off God in Chrys goodbybre

But it happened vnto hym / when he by stayngē
E h sawe the Genus

saw the happye finis hing / and ende
of the foresaid worcke / that he was soe
affected in minde / as that holy man Sis-
meon off whome Luke thevangeliste
maketh mention. Thefore in the same

* And your sorte as he/he spake within * himselfe.
harder it be Nowe letest thou thy seruaunt o Lorde
inge with depart in peace / for mine eyes have seene
out him : els howe condition off man cominge into his min-
knewe yo de (with the memorie whearoff / he was
wonte oftentimes in his sermones / to
rubbe other menes mindes / lest death
shoulde finde them vnpreaded / at any
tyme) he thoughte / that for hym beinge
nowe an old man / it was especiallye re-
quisite / to bende his whole minde / and
studie / vpon the meditation off mans
frayltie. Thefore he carfullie provided/
lest at anye tyme the remembraunce
heeroff / shoulde be driven out off his
minde : first felle and conuenientlye dis-
posinge his worldlye substance : and
then by describinge the manner off his
buryall: thirdly by appointinge his Toms
be off blacke Marbell / to the ende he
mighye have it readye and furnished

for,

for everye occasion off death. And this
Tombe off purpose he caused to be made
of noe exquisite worke/but smorde/stre-
igthe/and plaine/thinkinge it enoughe if
beig represented to the eie/it myghte serue
eyther for him selfe/ while he liued/as a
token/or monumente off his vncertaine
estate / or when he was deade / as a tes-
stimonie to his posteritye / what princis
pall place by the bountrye off his Prince
he obteyned in Christe his commō* wel-
the. The whiche commoditie / and pro-
fitt he received not rather off his tombe/
then off the inscription off his epit-
phe/that ihor whearoff was a frend off shoppe to
his/and one that bare office vnder him/ the churc-
Doctor Gualter Haddon. In whiche che off Eas
epitaphe / althoughe he acknowledgeth glande.
that Haddon speakeith more off him
then he deserueth yet he thinketh him sel-
fe to bee forwarned by that frendly com-
mendation/that while he liueth/and oc-
cupieth the hieste Rome off the spiritus
all authoritie / he shoulde endeavour to
his powre/to come as neare as he maye
to those thinges which are attrybutid
vnto him.

And that
be was a
blacke bis
shoppe to
his/and one that bare office vnder him/ the churc-

C m Marchw

Mathew Parker lived sober and wise,
Learned by studie and continual practise
Louinge, true, off lyfe uncontrold
The courte did foster him, both young, and old.
Orderly he delit, the ryght he did defend,
He haved unto god to god he mad his ende.

So contynually weightinge / when
god shall call him / and wilingly content
at the pleasure off god / either to liue long
ger in this his estate / and to continuall
his lyfe / or by and by to leauie it / and to
laye downe all thinges paryning vnto
him / that the wisdome off god may dis-
pose and order them/houre and to what
use soever it shall please him/be yeledith
and commendeth himselfe whiche into
the truton off God the father / god / the
sonne / and God the hoy ghostr to
whome bee honor and
glorie for euer
Amen.

Glory vnto
god, and co-
fusion to
bis enemy
as which
perseuer in
their wico
tades.

Co

To the Christian rea-
der/ peace in Christe/ and
warre with Antes
Christe,

If vpon the tombe off that Assyrian Queene of Babyⁿ / in stead off that descriptioun (Hear lieth byd great treasure) ther had bene grauen in golden letters: vnder this tombe/ how shalfe finde a precious library off excellent booke^s / for all finde of flears ninge/ and a storehouse off knowledge/ surely yt had ben no suche sacrilidge/ for Darius to haue ransacked the dead womans graue : nor he himselfe so worthelye noted off foule coueteousnes / that would violate suche sacred places / thorough a moste unholie hunsger off golde.

But rather yt had tourned all the contrary to his praise / who cuen in the earth / and a monge dead men / would haue soughe / and digged for suche a myne off knowledge / as surpasseth
E uij all

all treasure. yea though he had founde
nothinge but a womans bones / as he
did not in deed/ yet his commēdable and
Prince worthy thyrste off knowledge/
had excused his ignorance / off seekinge
Musas inter Mlanes/ and the blotte had
been iustly retourned to her selfe/ for ras
singe pleasure in prouokinge any man/
by false promyses to take in her asbes.

But this Queen was a woman/a he
athen/and a stranger from god/ yea wi
thout god / and ther withall had no mes
aninge to deceiue/ for hurte / but only to
chastise such extreame auarice / and to
teache their by/and make more religious/
wise / and warye Darius / or any other/
that shoulde come to disquiet her deade
sleeping bones. She is not only therfor
re to bee excused/for this disguisinge her
graue / but much more prayse worthye
is she / then he whosoever it was that
offlate hath sett forth / to the hurte off
Christian men / certaine / Rapsodies/
and shredes off olde forworne stos
ryes/allmost forgotten / had he nomos
we latlye awakened them out off a dead
scape/ and newly sewed them together

in one

In one booke/printed/whose gloriouſ title
promiseth not mountaines off gold/as
that ſecly heathen womans tombe/but
beareth Christ in the browe/and is hoſt
nected with thiſ title in the fronte. De
antiquitate Britannicæ Ecclesiæ & pri
uilegijs Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis cum
Archiepiscopis eiusdem ſequa
ginta. Iſtougher it were ſomme wors
thy monument/and riche hoorde/wher
arin had been honorablie buried/great
heapes off the knowledge/and actes off
the firſt Christian infancie of thiſ church
off Engeland. And yett hauinge rold a
waye that gloriouſ grauſtone/ off that
counterfaſte title/ and ſekinge further
into it/appereith a very painted ſepta
chre/gorgeouſlye decked with the that out
ward onelie name/ and within full off
broken ſhankebones/ and reliques off
dead carcaſes/yea nothinge/but a very
charnell howſe/ off braintleſſe vnlar
ned ſkulles/ off ſuſche men as wear wiſ
cked in their liſe/ and not worthye any
memorye beinge dead.whose rottenbo
nes/yet if they had been closed in lead/
and well ſpiced/ſearcd/ and handſomly

layde uppe together / peraduenture they
might have been kepte from sauorina-
ge yet a while : but they are so hurled
together / with out embalminge / or
other preservative / that the matter
beinge offyt selfe moste vncleane / is
yet by the manner off handlinge (iff
yt bee possible) made more vncleane
and filthy.

The title / as it is saide / De antiqui-
tate, & cetera. Onely a fewe thinges
are saide for preface / touchinge the
first preaching off E. R. in this our
I lande : but the whole bodie off the
boke is / bumbasted with the swellins-
ge pompes off the Archprelates of Can-
terburye. wherin / as ther is no such
clerkly handlinge / as is to bee wond-
ered at (for ther is such confused
shufflinge together as iff his metho-
de had been Take yt amonge yow)
so ther is no such chaste dealinge / as wes
are to bee wished. For many bastard
tales / off thadoulterouse synagogue
off Rome / are intermingled: so that
the greateste care off the workman
seemed to bee / perhaps a litle for
that

that firste parte off the treatise / de ana-
tiquitate Ecclesie Brittanicæ : and
much more for the seconde Parte de
Priuilegijs Ecclesie Cantuarientis: But
moste off ali for this thirde parte , De
Archiepiscopis eiusdem septuagin-
ta, & cætera.

For after two or thre and twentie
leaves spent superficially in that mas-
ter (off thaniquite I mean off the
Englishe Church) and two or thre
tables (whearoff one very soisbeare the
leaste) ther beginneth as it weare a new
we stately worke / continued in two
hundredth And odde leaves (and yet
Apex is not added) off the lynes firs-
te off the primative faibers off that
Churche / the foundation wheroff is
luckely laide / in that Apostate / not
Apostell Augustine (for he made thys
Church Apostatare (as they call yt) fyn-
ding Religion here more sincere / and
Christian / then he lefte it: hauinge broug-
hte in nothinge but vniformitie in
singinge / lyunge / and such other
semely

semely orders off Rome) and then des-
cendinge in a rowe to all his successors
in that sea/or rather arme off the mayne
sea off Rome / even to him that presens
ely sires/and takes his ease therin. Whes
arin who so euer will but consume a lis-
tell tyme shall finde that / to sett forth
that antiquitie off the sincere knowledge
off Jesus Christe/and the first preachin,
ge theroff in this lande / though he it bee
firste intitle/ yet is it leaste/and laste / in
treatie/ sett rather for a commendation
to the boke / then that it was in any res-
commendacion to the author : yea vsed
only for a pretence and color to insinua-
te into the magnisfience off that magnis-
ficall seigneorie and Archipiscopall ter-
ritorie off Canterburye / and by all mes-
ans possible to vante the preheminence/
and supereminence off that princely Arch
pastor and pastorall Archprince / the firs-
te father and Peter (as I maye saye)
off which succession / he makeid that stis
perstitionous monke/and wicked man/Ro-
mishe Austen. Who as he obtruded hym
selfe vniversall Archbisshoppe to all Eng-
land/ and wan it not by the worde / and
spirit

spirit / but by the sworde and bloude
(for he was the fyrebrand off a fraye
wheatin one and twenye hundred
monkes/ good men (as good men went This beh
in those daies) and in comparison off ^{lif} Austen
him in deed holy saintes besides other is he that
men off warre were all innocently slayⁿ in a pre-
ne and murdered only because they refus face to an-
sed to submitt their neckes to his Arch^s english Bis-
iepiscopall yoke which they sawe him bly latly
so ambitiously seekē so he the same ^{was} printed is
sten havinge thus gorten by conquest forsooth
this vniversall vicepapaci over England called sain
because his procedinges shulde bee like ^{to} Austen.
his entrie / with like apostolike humilis-
tie / and meeknes he iusteled for a place/
wheat to fasten his chayre/ and by plai-
ne wronge (as wronge maye bee saide
herwene wrongdoers) wrange from
the Archbischoppe off London (for ther
had been before the Archiepiscopall sea-
as also saierth that boke) all Archiepisco-
pall iurisdiction / pali/and crosse/cum per
tinencys/ and contrary even to the pope
his holy fathers commandement/trans-
lated the same to canterburye. Wheat it
was sette and settled to have and to hol-

de / to him and to his successors theres
for ever vnder paine off the great excom-
munication / and many a blacke curse
thundered by divers popes / after whiche
are ther recited for the greater terror/
to scare them / that shoud at any tyme
attempie age iste that holy sacred
sea.

And because yt might not seeme
to bee placed there lyghlye / nor wi-
thout the consente off the godes / or
decree off the destinies bee recited
once or twice a profound vaticination
off Prophet Merlin / a worthy Pro-
phet / for suche a churche / and his Pro-
pheticall woordes are pointed out in
great capitall letters. *Dignitas Londos*
nre adorabit Norobrniam / that as the
churche off God / hath her holy Apostles
les / and longe before Prophete Pro-
pheyng by the spiture off God / and
bath them for foundations : so also that
degenerate churche / might bee foun-
ded in her proude / and nothinge lesse
then Apostle Augustine / and establis-
hed by suche conuringe witches/
and coleprophete / seduced by the ly-
inge

inge spyrte as was Merlin.

The tree off his succession norished
with the sape off the crabstocke whereon
it was unhappely grafted / not vnlke to
the maner off conquerers / and tyrans /
sought by all meanes to aduaunce / and
enlarge this ther newye wonne domi-
nation. For they devoured vpp quite an
Archbisshoprike off wales and drow-
ned it in the botomlesse sea off Canters-
bury. Somwhat they strained at the
vnderbisshoprikes / ther making a cons-
science to swallowe suche gnates / and
therfore off ther great Good graces /
were concerte they shold not ver-
terly lose their beinge / but remaine
to encrease the number off ther sub-
iectes. By which shamfull struglinge
they obtained to sit vpon ther feiles
we Archbisshoppe off yorke / and to
tread vpon the reste therre brother bi-
shoppes in Englannde.

And haunge thus prewayled in
England and conquered (for so he ter-
meth yis) yorke / whome he could neis-
ther beare superiore with pompey
nor suffer equal with Caesar /

for

For he plainly chalengereth a superioritie
and fealtie off hym. Then boasteth he ws-
hat a motherlie estimation it retayned
with the churches in Scotland / cuen
then/ when he knoweith no milke was
to bee sucked from her/but poison.

From Scotland he takes shippinge
and popelike steppes ouer into Ireland/
and thence ouer againe into fraunce/
Gasconie/Normandie/Aquetaine / and
ther(saieth he)it ouercame all the churc-
hes in Jurisdiction aliso. If this bee to
watch ouer one prouice in a realme / like
an Archbisshoppe/ and not rather aspirins
glye/ to affect a popedom ouer many re-
almes/judge ye. It wilbe no aunswear/
to saye that the kinge off England / bein-
ge then soueraigne off Ireland/and fras-
unce in possession / myght aswell apoint
one Archbisshoppe over althose regions/
as over Ingland/or on province therin.
for iff the Archbisshopes nose must bee
so longe/and that he must haue suche el-
bowe Rome/then lett vs hear what the
Pope/who is next aboue the Archbisbo-
pe will saye. Surely / he will singe the
very same songe for him selfe. The emperour

perour off Rome soueraigne over all
thes parties off the worlde / made me
generall Bishoppe a bove my brethren
ne.

But this Argument/and suchelike/is
the principall content off those two or
thre and twenty leaues/ yea off that title
which he entreareth in those fewe first
leaues. De antiquitate Britannicæ Ec-
clesie, the very firste chapter sheweth
what is the chiefe subiecte. For the title
off that firste chapter beinge/De vnu-
state Britannicæ Ecclesie testimonia,
the very first wordes being Tractaturi
de Cantuariensis Archiepiscopis,
and the last chapter off thes few leaues/
a description off the towne off Canter-
burye/who seeth not that neither in begi-
ninge/middest/nor end/ he cou'd dissem-
ble his meaninge/and that thaucentye
off chenglishe Church is but a vizard for
that wortmeate Church of Caunterbury/
to maske vnder / the bolder to boast hir
off her louers / and to whisper such vn-
cleanly speeches/ as she durst not haue
vitered barefaced impudent thought

O she

she be and past all grace. Elles durst she
Thauctoriz not affirme / in tempore præsenti, that
tie off Thar Archiepiscopi Cantuariæsis authoritas
chbis hope nō certis atq; definitis Archiepiscopis
of Canters his aut Metropolitice iurisdictionis can-
bury is not cellis continetur, sed ordinaria libera
contineat peneq; arbitratia per suā Provinciā ex-
trahincer currit atq; diffunditur. I weene this pas-
taine and li sech the boudes off the newe testament.
mixed boun The processe off those two or three
des off Ar. and twētye leanes is aunswerable to the
chiepysco- begininge. For a great part is spent in
pallor Me shewinge howe many tributary bishops
trapolitai= he hath vnder him / and them he calls
ne iurisdicti leih his suffragæs and their dioceses his
entire prouince/and but their severall pa-
on, but ordi- narie free himself/hath been/and executed/the pla
narie free himself/hath been/and executed/the pla
and almost off a suffragane to the Archbis hoppe off
as it will it Canterbury/at the consecration off an in
selfe, iūeth ferior Bis hoppe.
and is pow An other great parte is in the honors
red a bro- done by the other Bis hopps/ to ther Urs
ad throug- & prelate of Canterbury/what bigthe pla
he bis owne ce he bathe aboue the rest: howe honoras
prouince. blic a Rome it is to sit on his right hand/
and

an dnext him on his left hand how all
the Bishopes must sweare Canonis
callprofessions/ obedience / and subiecc^t
on/ to the iurisdiction / powre / and emis
sire off Canterbury priuiledges / and li-
beaties: what a prerogative it was / for
the Bisshoppe off London / to saye the
filiarie masse before him / and to bee his
miss^t dicus / the Bisshoppe off Salisbu-
ry to bee Chaunter / and futher more /
how highlye the Bisshoppe off Roches-
ter esteemed yt to bee his Pontificall
crucifer : what a worthye reputacion
the Bisshoppe off winchester thought
yt to bee his Chauncellor / and for a
commendacion off honour / to carie him
the golden pax / for his superstitious
lippes to fesse. And therupon an ambis-
tious occasion / caught to pull in by the
heare off the heade / a letter from the
Bisshoppe off winchester / whearin he
writeth hym selfe his Chapleyne / and at
his deuocion.

Then followeth the Lorde suffraga-
nes / whiche euery vnderbisshoppe may
haue vnder him / because he may the bes-
ter bee non resider from his charge/ and

D q all

all this without any taxinge / so that at
last / the poore minister that wathcheth in
deede / is but the mans man off the Lor-
de suffragane / who is the mans man off
the Archbisshoppe. Ther is discoursed at
large the ambitious / and trancall hies
romachie / betwene the two Hierarches
off Canterburye and yorke / for the pa-
pacie in England and by the waye off a
petye brawle / and subquarell betwen
yorke / and duresyng / for Archiepiscopall
Jurisdiction in that province.

In all these thinges / is ther to bee
noted / a maruelous carnall / and worl-
dly affection borne to Canterburye sea.
For besides yow shall see diuers very
odious / and proud comparisons / with
the Archbisshoppe off yorke / both for the
bargeines off Imperiall precinct / and
allso for courteous vsage towardes his
subiecte Parishes. For with these nam-
es / he iecontente to debase his vassel
Bishoptikes. And this is a taste of the
church bonors / and spirituall subiection
whch the sea off Canterburye chalengeith.

The ende off that thre and twentie
leafc is a preface off his temporall prins
c:palis

cipalities priviledges / and prerogati-
ves / which is begonne with a worthye
sentence out off John Capgrauue off Po-
pe urbin/whoe with his owne vnholye
mouthe pronounced Archbis. Austyn
off Canterbury/ worthye to be an other
Apostolicall Bishoppe / and Patriarch
off an other worlde/yea almost his fello-
we/to the great honour(noe doubt) off
his successors off Canterbury. In this
parte is it somewhat traauled. For vetye
substantiallye / he beginneth with his di-
uision off the rigthes/ and prerogatiues
off that sea. Some sayeth he are sett out
in the lawes/ and be commo with other
Archbishoprickes: some are absolute and
peculiar/vnto him selfe / without ali la-
wes/or not expressed in the lawes. His
rigthes prescribed/and circumscribed in
the lawes/are confirmation off his pro-
uinciall Bishoppes/which without gre-
ate impietie / maye be done noe wheare
lawfulye but in Christes church at Can-
terburye.

The nexte is what greate tributes/ es-
nerye made Bishoppe payed him: Ho-
we they enterteyned his whole hous-

holde/or courte for the tyme with sum-
piuous feastinge.

Howe deereleye they redeemeid the
re owne clothes / and carpetes at his
Chaplaines handes: what fees weare be-
stowed on his crucifer / Marshall / and
other seruantes. All which plentifull bo-
unty / or rather he myght haue sayed /
immoderate largis / is shrunken vpp/
he sciereth / to a small sum off them pou-
des somen at beside bnt very smal besta /
red hemight haue sayde rasse arraie vpō
the Archbishops family. For surely: thou-
ghe in the behaife off the Archbis hoppe
that booke semeth io shingge the shoul-
ders / and to wringe as though he his fe-
es weare to neerlye pared / yet surelye
me thinke it is verye muche / for one bro-
ther / to take off an other / for that which
shoulde be bestowed franchelye / espe-
ciallye havinge so liberallye besides off
the Prince and common wealde.

Nowe followeth his righte off vi-
tinge other menes Dioceses duringe
his visitation all other inferior Bis hop-
pes iurisdiction / to ceaso / an onlye at
his pleasure / to reuoke / and resome
what

what theye haue done: to call synodes
in there Diocesse / to supplye there des-
fectes / and that without anye con-
uencion precedent off defaulte / Reces-
iunge appeals / appoinunge coadju-
tors to his suffragane weake Bishop-
pes / makinge viccates generall / and
righte off Indulgences / tolerationes /
dispensationes and suche like righ-
tes sett forth / as that booke sayeth
in written lawes. His peculiare righ-
tes be subdividid / into ciuill honores /
and Church priuiledges. The fustle ci-
uill honoure that is bragged off / is the
homage which the Earle off Glocestre
oweth hym / whose heires (as that
booke sayeth) beinge vnder age / are
to be his wardes / by reason off divers
Mannors in Rente / which the sayed
Earle / and his heires / holde off the Ar-
chbishoppe / and his successore / as off
there chese Lorde by fourte knyghtes ser-
ee / and other services.

And that the same Earle muste be
his stewarde / and chese cupbearer the
daye off his Inthronization : This is
not to be called gratioun Lordes

O my ss

as the Lordes off he yeaþ are/but this
is to be beyonde ali grace/ and to be ser-
ued off these gracious Lordes/and to be
therre Lorde paramounte. In this rolle
of his noble Tenanteþ/the nexte are the
Lorde Strangwairþ/the Earle of Oxfor-
de/the Lorde Darcye / all whiche (sayeþ
he) owe service to that Archbisshopp.
wheare cometh in to be remembred/one
verye regall prerogatiue in deede. For it
encounters hande to hande / even with
The Kinges prerogatiue. That is / what
whearas in others comon persones ca-
ses / iff here Tenante holde anye lande
off the Kinge/he shall haue the custodye
off both on and other/the Archbisshoppe
shall yet againste the Kinge retaine the
lande off his infante Tenante/ though
he holde of the Kinge by knyghtes service/
or in capite. which he proueþ by a pres-
idente in the minorye off this earle off
Oxford in the tyme off the nowe Arch-
bishope. Many other immunitiess very
princlyke/ are recited boþ for him selfe/
for his/and for his churcþ. Ouer Roche-
ster Bisshoprike/ besides that he was a
super

superior Archbis**hop**/he was also patro
ne and giner off it.

From this steppe he clymeth uppe
an other/yet higher / that the kinges off
this realme are crowned / and made by
him/as that which offright/is properlie
due vnto him/and therupon telleth hos
we the bishope off Salisbury for his
malepart intrudinge him selfe/to marie
the kinge once / vnder color that it was
in Salisburie diocesse / was shrewdly
reproved / and to his reproche reected/
and the Archbis**hop**e taken to doe it.

That the kinge/ and Queene bee his dos
mesticall/ and speciall parishoners/whe
resouer they bee in England / yea that
all England/distinct in divers diocesses/
is by reason off his primacie / his pari
she.

All this is recited/not as one that
telleth what other saye/but ther are ad
ded arguments and reasons to prove it.
for sauth he (the author off that booke I
meane) that thesse thinges bee trewe/
yt apparetb because all offringes off the
kinge/ and Queene/ or other noblemen/
either in the kinges chappell/ or other

D v church

Church cathedral/conventuall/or paro-
chiall / offred in the presence off the Ar-
chbishoppe/are his owne/and I shall not
goe either to the Bis hope off the diocess.
se/nor to the couent and chapire/ no nor
to the deane off the Chappel off the
Binge/much lesse to the poore priest off
the paris he.

His second parte off his subdivisyon/
off his peculiart rightes/that is his Chur-
ch superioritie / and privileges is pur-
sued first with this Archbonyor / that the
Archbishoppe off yorke with all humis
litie requireth to bee consecrate off him
off Canterbury/ and professeth obedienc-
ce in the consecration off Canterbury.
The Archbishoppe off Ireland and Ul-
ster politanes ther also take their rightes
off consecration off him/and binde them-
selues to the service and attendance
off Canterbury sea. Then descendeth
hee to the giftes / that every his suffras-
gane provinciall Bis hoppe bestoweth
on him / in their life / and at their des-
ath some their palfreye / with saddel
and furniture / some there ringes /
and some there seals o Amonge the
rest

rest/ the Bishoppe off Rochester / whoe
is there cailed speciallye his chapleine/
guesh him A brace off Dogges. these
be trumme thinges/ for Prelates to gine
or receive / especially / off them to make
such accompte/ as to printe them amon-
ge such speciall prerogatives.

H is iurisdiction cometh in nexte: w-
hich is saied there / to beabone all other
Archipiscopall and Metropolitan iuris-
diction/ in this pointe/ that it maie immedi-
atly/ without appellatiō/ or other ordina-
rie meane in Lawe most emulie ad lawo-
leslie/ call before his tribunall/ anye on/
out of any infectiont courte/ examine his
cause/ and iudge it. This is confirmed by
two speciall Popish reasons longe use/
ad cōsentē. So streiche these Archi- p̄c̄o-
palli priuiledges / that there is no holde/
that cā holde them out. For it is printed
in that booke/ that both the uniuersities/
Cambridge/ and Oxforde/ be subiecte to
him/ contrarie/ I thinke/ and in derogatis-
on of the priuiledges/ of those two wers-
thy learned places/ which weare more/ as-
ble/ and fitt/ to visite him beig but one bo-
cause heire be manye/ and better learned.

There

There is not lefte out / so much as the
priviledge that he hath / of dealinge with
the goodes / in diuers diocesses : for w-
hich / the booke sayeth / that the other Bis-
shoppes / did striue with him / but there-
saith the booke / did the power off the
Canterburye Archbisshoppe shinc / and
s bewe forth it selfe / which will not be
pnched / with the strate lawes / off an
Archbisshoppe / or Metropolitane / which
beinge not on ye primate off all Engla-
nde / saith the booke / but also ordinarye /
and Bishoppe off all Englande and so
beinge first instituted / will still / saie
the booke / sitt ouer them as his suffra-
ganes. And once againe I saie all this is
not bare ye reported but collected to the
greate praise off that sea / and with allo-
wance / and without conurayre censure /
sett downe.

To make vpp all his goodlie glory / the
close off this treatise / is with that vsur-
ped power off dispensation / which the
Pope heide againste / the lawes / off the
kinge off Eng lande / and againste the es-
ternal lawe / off the kinge off kinges Jes-
sus Christe ; and that this dispensinge
power

power / is translated to Canterburye.
In the Lawe off which translation
thoughe there be a god ye cauion / that
nothinge shoulde be dispensed with / as
gainste the expresse will off God / yet so
vnruleye / is the vnramed / and vnbridled
Arch·ep·scopall Jur·diction / that nes-
ther Lawe / nor prouiso / can prouide /
to keepe him vnder lawes.

As a perfection to all these / is added
his fowre Archiepiscopall courtes or (fors
ra) whiche name / I thinke / is therfore es-
quicke / to A Marker / and courte / be-
cause in both / all thinges are to be sold
even as in Rome. These courtes are seit
forth / in there maiestye / there Judges /
Aduocates / Proctors / Registers / there
seates off tribunall / there Privilidgee /
and there powers / all the solemnuya off
pleadinge and installinge anye newe
Doctor / not so much omitted / as there
sittinge downe / and risinge upp. But as
bove all this / muste come often / and es-
uer in / what a rule and absolute domi-
nion Tharchbis. beareth amonge them.
The auncientest off these / is the mother
courte off Bow Churc̄ / nexte hir / that
off

off the audience/but not so noble/as the
firste. The thirde is the courte off pretors
gatines/ which though it be not so wor
thie/as the other two/yet it bringeth
more to the Retchin. The fourth is that
vpstarte courte off faculties/latelye
translated to that sea. This courte/saith
the booke/hath no iudicall seare/belike
because it nether executeth iustice nor iu
dgement but is exequuted in the Archbis
sheppes owne howse/as the booke sa
yeth. An other fiftē pellinge peculiare
courte there is for his owne Diocese
whereto is/saith that booke/that the
maner and custome off the Archbishop
off Cantur/hath of olde bene/and is/that
all humaine thinges/and dewine/i haibe
at his onlye disposition.

Thus have you(sayeth that booke) all
the preemnences/primledges/pretors
gatines/Immunites/Judgments seases
tes/and courtes/wherby that Archdys
gnicie/is in all pointes perfected/and ab
solued And so farr is it of that/that wher
theroff woulde haue it/reade as I pro
bable reporte off tymes past/that lest
sayeth he/these thinges might be to you
doubtfull or vncertaine/I had my pros

ses from suche / and suche recordes whis
ch sayeth he / be off suche force in lawe
that not onlyc in readinge / but euē in ius-
dgmēre / they stoppe amā to saie the con-
trarie In conclusio (as though he tooke
pleasure in ofte repeatige it / he makeith a
recapitulaciō / of his ses betwēn tharchys
bisshopē ad his suffragans / and victories
that thar h̄bi hope had againste his suff-
ragās. for so he calleth at his pleasure the
poore vnderbis hopes sixe times (Ittike)
together / in that hile conclusion / not once
daininge the name off bis hopes. and
in the ende lappeth vpp all / wth these
wordes / hat he letterh loose / ad draweth
vpp againe / at his will the licētious rai-
nes / off his vnbredled iurisdiction / as
though he belike / he woulde make all Eng-
glande an Asse / for him to ride on / and
misguide / at his ambitious pleasure.

If in fistene yeates this haughtynges
cā be hatched / and put in priuate printes /
to fflye wth the ow'c by nighte / there
is no doubt but in fistene hundredth yeas-
res more / it woulde growe to be well fe-
thered / and perfeclye seide / readie to
ffye abroode in the daye tyme / with the
other

other Birdes in publike writinges as
uowed/and chalenged. They therfore/
that will not prouide the medicine all
to late/musste resistre the begininges/leas-
ste as it alreadye vaunterith selfe aboue
all Ecclesiasticall degree/so by creepinge
vpp/intyme/it will assayne in an other a-
ge/to goe in the steppes/off some off the
forefathers/off that sea/ and to tredde
on the neckes/or to offer the stroppe/
to the temporali Lorde/her naturall/sos-
veraigne Princes. We haue had to good
experience in our Cronicles/howе fast
that ill weedē/Ambition/groweth in
there garden/especiallē if it be dunged/
with to muchē/off that goulden earthe.
And euen hevby maye somwhat apeare
howe needfull/it is to preuentre suche mi-
schiefs. For who woulde haue beeleeued/
that anye man/not in the behalfe off him
selfe/but in the fauour off anye thoug-
he never/so arch a Prelate/would wrigh-
te suche thinges/as you haue hearde he-
re. Whearin trulye I haue so kepte me/
to his wordes almost/as if I had bene
his translatour/especiallē in the wor-
des

des that are most proude / ambitious /
and that do arrogate most.

Neither maye the author off that booke
saye that he receiveth the bare historye /
for with all / I say againe / he alloweweth
plainly off it / and even in his transition
from his said pretended preface / off the
auncienty off true religion / in this land /
to his intended trety off Awesten / and
his fellowes / he speakes as iff he were
in a matter off great earnest / that for
this cause / he had more respecte to the
Authors wordes alleged thoroouge
out that volume off lyues / then to theles
gaucie off his owne stile / for that he
would not swerue from the truthe for
sothe) off the storie. And besides to what
end else wot he that booke / the whole
purpose wheroff / is to proue chauncis
encie off that sea together with the digni
tacie off them that sat therin / as apes
reth by the title or sumes off the chaps
ter. To proue which auncientye off the
one / and dignitie off the other these man
ny otherlike popis he presumptions / and
presumptiuons poperies / are the best /
and onely argumentes. Which iff they
wear all gleaned / or rather mowed by

hande

handfulls / and severed a part from that
which is spoken directly and to the pur-
pose/for shancientye off the poore Chris-
tian churche in England/ ther wolde bee
but a poore haruest off that mater/ whis-
ch is so gailie pretended / euē scarce es-
nough to make a storie off two leaues.

This title therfore of antiquitte of the
whole bodye off the generall Christian
church in this our English Land is but a
bare title/nothing lesse met / then to bee
entreated of/but onely to make his waye
therthorouge to the extolling / and boy-
sing vp/euen rppd mēs shoudlers / that
particular mēber/or chapell of Canterba-
rie. The which is more manifest in the
soleēne legend which followeth off Ido-
latrous Archiflamines/ the which were
every one all their lfe longe / so farre as
man may iudge by that that is left of the
euē sitting in that throne professed Baas-
lites/and sworne Roanistes/except that
onely most trueli gracious bis hope/ and
blessed martyr/ holy Cranmer / and this
man that nowe occupieth the Rome. All
I saie except these two were euē while
they sat superstitious Archsacrificers/ ad
principall breadwor shippers. VII

Nowe I pracie you what good can be to
the churche of god by takinge together one
of w. of Louensteine/Simond of Dumelme/
B. of Hertington/the storie of Rochester
and such authentike writers/the wicked li-
nes/and grosse blindnes off Dunstane/Crus-
bert/Becket/and other ther fellowes off
later tymes: or what godly estimacion to
the Christiaen churche off England to have
the liues of suche not me/but moosters re-
corded in this tie/as though they were
to bee reckned good workmen in the chur-
ch: Or rather is not this to vncouer the
shame/and priuities of Canterbury churche/
to stanpe in printed letters such a success-
sion of Idolaters/counrers/canonicized trait-
ors/and rebells as that sea haue yelded.
But if once to name them/bee to mu-
the/and to bestowe that laboure in peacing
together the ragges off their stories be a
worke of small edifieng/especially for an
architect/and maister builder of the chur-
ch of God: what is it to recke vp so many
of ther popis he tales/vncontrolled/their
enthronizations/and consecrations/ther
glutting feastes/and other pompes/ther
mocke miracles/and wicked professions/

their deatbes/entermentes/entombinges/
translatiōnes/and shrynges/ with a mas-
se of therre intolerable supersticiōs deeds
and saynges vncensured.What an offend-
ce to the good Christiā man/and what a
feedinge off the humor off the sickle Pas-
piste / to see it set forth in tables in that
booke/as it were for an honor off his
Englysh churc̄h/to haue had many Cardi-
nallis/ wherwith that siege off Camberbu-
ry/and oþers haue been defiled.

Trulye to bee able to recount a catalo-
gue/ off redd cappes / bloudie gownes/
golden crosses and succession off the
worlde (for by that name are cardinallis
created it) may well seeme a gaine/glitter-
ing thing in the worldly wise eye : but
the wiſdome off God treadeth them un-
der/as childish toyes / and most vnpure
vanyties. The true Christian takeith no
pride / nor conceyft in them / but rather
bursteth out in tears / when vpon such
occasion bee seelē the plague off ignos-
taunce / and heauy iudgment off God
vpon those our fathers/ and formeſ us-
mes / and then he singeth ye praises off
the mercies off our lowing God / with
shame

thākes geuing / for that inestimable bes
neſſit off knowledg / which he bestoweth
vppō vs / who yet for our synnes deserue
wch the worſte . yea iſt the heareben poer /
eke hit a vaine vaunt off many graund
fathers / and greate graundſires / thoughe
he theye were vertuous . how vnsittinge
is it for him / that ſittes in the arches off
the Englis he Hierarchie / profeffing to
bee a minifter off the ſimple gospell / off
poore Jesus Christ / whose Kingdome
and glorye is ſpirituall / thus like / a pore
blinde zebediate to aſſe he knoweth not
what with ſuch a ſurre to make ſuite for
the retaining off his place / to ſitt on the
righthande / or leſte hand off Jesus Chri
ſte in this worlde . Be I ſayethat ſhould
bee a bright light / and ſauory ſalte to all
England / prophanelly to boarſt him off
ſuch temporall homages / and Lordſhippes
one over other and to eſteme ſo gloriouſ
the ſhewe off ſo many proude Ponuſis
call antecessors / whose onlie names are
not cleane yenough for Christian nou
thes .

A number off thinges ther are fitter /
for matter off nyne leſſons or double ſac

ffles/or more double / then for Christis
an Chronicles/or Ecclesiasticall stories/
off he which thoughte I wote well / dis
vers haue ther gentle corrections and
softe censures/ yet are they generally tol
de/ so confidently/ and without any iuds
gment shewed vpon thē/ that it is great
daunger lest the poore blind papist be by
them made starcke blinde / and obstina
re / The weake brother by thē take a fall/
and the good Christian zelously greded/
to see such unlikely tales off Robin hoo
de/ so impudently peeppe forth in this bro
ade daye/ which even thē/ when they cold
see to doe nothing without cādels light
at high noone/ hardlie durst bee so har
dye/as to shewe ther balde heades/ bnt
in montishe Cronicels and libraries
off the darcle monasteries.

Lest therfore / the sowishe papiste
off Engeland/ might walke him wans
tonly in this little lumpe/ off his mitie pa
pis he trumperie/ which now perhaps he
beginnes to thincle deintie/ or like a dog
ge/gredily swallow vppe / this little vos
mited gobet off written vnuerities/
from whic̄ he hath been wained now

6 great

a great while (the lord god bee shans
ted / for the blessed and happy instru
ment theroff his handmaide our Queen
ne Elizabeth / whose faith and zeale he
more and more encrease / and whose hos
tlye and helchfull life / he longe prolons
ge) I perswade my selfe that this little
preface / or any other more large treatis
se / beinge specially bent against suche
monkishe collections / wold not onlye
bee suffred / to passe freely / without cal
linge in or inhibicion: but also auctoris
zed / and not so soene seene / but allowed /
that so the open mouth off the Lewde
Papist / might bee stopped from slauding
these tymes off the gospell / with the
approving of suche vngospellike legēds /
when he shall see this and suche like pub
likely approued / wherby those cold winc
tales / are with all earnestnes reproved.

To set forth to the in Englishe all
that vaine collection / is neither my pur
pose / nor to any purpose: thow shale
belefe to the latine printed boke / for
somuch theroff as is already set forth.
But because this worhie worke seemes
not yett likid to the louely shape nor

L uq grom

growne to the iust number (for the first
leafe in the title promiseth full seuenye
Archbis hōps / and the last leafe perfo-
meth vppē but sixtie nyne) it is like es-
noughē / it will not bee vnpleasant vnto
the nor against the author / fautor off
that boke / iff while he busierh himselfe
in monumentes off more edification/
and matters off more moment / some oþ
ther off lower calling and lesse busines
adde vnto those 69. one other storie / that
came to light containinge the life off
this present Mathew Archbis hōpe / and
so absolve that worke / and make vppē
even the number off 70. Archbis hōpes
as in that latine boke is onely promised.
It is very like (I saye) that though per-
haps this devise may prevent him / for
the circumstaunce off tymē / and make
that borne before the tymē which the
father / ment shōuld haue been borne af-
ter his deathe: yet in substance it will not
bee against his minde / because when he
traveileth with 70. Archbis hōps in the
title off his boke and when all comes to
all bringeth forth but 69. doubles his
meaning was so perfect that mustre off

dead

dead men with a quick pay even with
the life off him that yet surerth.

And because you shall not thincke/
that you haue heare / a horses neke ioys
ned to any other then horses bodye vns
derstand you. that this seuentithe cam
out off the verie same shoppes that other
49. did / perhaps it was but rough bews
en / by one of the prentises and wanted
sum polising by the forman. But qui
re to remoue from the / all suspicion off
beirge abused with any coyned or coun
terfaict marchandise / you shalbe thus
plainly delt with. The very latine ori
ginall hereoff / came from the Archbis
hops owne handes whose conscience ca
best enforme vsihe truth off his owne
storie. It was couched in such order / as
you see it / by a P. atina of his owne / and
domesticall Chronicler for so the text sa
yeth. The copie wherout this is tourned /
was written by a man off his owne / I
thincke his secretarie. An other badge it
hath of his / that never failes / but makes
it his perfect will / and his vndoubted
deedee / that is / the stampe off his owne
armes / descended as he saith off his aun

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handfulls / and severed a part from thae
which is spoken directly and to the pur-
pose/for thancienye off the poore Chris-
tian churche in England/ ther wolde bee
but a poore haruest off that mater/ whis-
ch is so gailie pretended / even scarce es-
nough to make a storie off two leaues.

This title therfore of antiquite of the
whole bodye off the generall Christian
church in this our English Land is but a
bare title/nothing lesse met / then to bee
entreated of/but onely to make his waye
therthoroughe to the extolling / and boy-
sing vp/euen vppō mēss houlders / that
particular meber/or chapell of Canterbu-
rie. The which is more manifest in the
soleynne legend which followeth off Ido-
latrous Archiflamines/ the which were
every one all their lise longe / so farre as
man may iudge by that that is left of the
ewē sitting in that throne professed Baas-
lites/and sworne Roanistes/except that
onely most trueli gracious bishope/ and
blessed martyr/ holy Cranmer / and this
man that nowe occupieth the Rome. All
I saie except these two were even while
they sat superstitious Archsacrificers/ād
principall breadwor shippers. vīos

Blowe I praise you what good cā cōe is
the churc̄ of god by takige together out
of w. of Louenſtēne, Simid of Dunmelme,
B. of H̄untington/ the storie of Rochedeſſe
and ſuch authētike writers/ the wicked li-
bes/ ad groſſe blindnes off Dunſtā/ Cuts-
berr/ Becket/ and other ther fellowes off
later tymeſ: or what godly estimatiōn to
the Christiā churc̄ off Englaſd to haue
the liues of ſuſhe nor me/ but moſters re-
corded in thiſ ſic/ as though they were
to bee reckned good workme in the churc̄
th: Or rather is not thiſ to vncouer the
ſhame/ ad priuities of Cāterbury churc̄/
to ſtanpe in printed letters ſuſh a ſucces-
ſiōn of Idolatres/ coiurors/ canōized traito-
res/ and rebells as that ſea haſte yelds
ed. But if once to name them/ bee to muſ-
the/ and to beſtowe ihat laþor in peacing
together the ragges off iheir ſtories be a
wolke of ſmal edifieng/ especially for an
architect/ and maſter builder of the chur-
ch of God: what iſ it to recke vp ſo many
of ther popiſhe tales/ vncontroſled/ their
enthronizatiōns/ and cōſecrations/ ther
glutting feaſtes/ and other pompeſ/ ther
mocke miracles/ and wicked profeſſions/

their deatbes/entermentes/entombinges/
transla:ions/and shrynges/ with a mas
se of there intollerable superstitiōs deeds
and sayinges uncensured.What an offend
ce to the good Christiā man/and what a
feedinge off the humor off the sickē Pas
piste / to see it set forth in tables in that
booke/as it weare for an honor off his
Englysh churc̄h/to haue had many Cardi
nallis/ wherwith that siege off Canuerbu
ry/and oþers have been defiled.

Trulye to bee able to recount a catalo
gue/ off redd cappes / bloudie gownes/
golden crosses and succession off the
worlde (for by that name are cardinalis
created it) may well seeme a gaine/glitter
ing thing in the worldly wise eye : but
the wisdome off God treadeth them un
der/as childish toyes / and most vnpure
vanyties. The true Christian takeith no
pride / nor conceyt in them / but rather
bursteth out in tears / when rpon such
occasion bee seelb the plague off ignos
taunce / and heauy iudgment off God
vpon those our fathers/ and formeis us
mes / and then he singeth ye praises off
the mercies off our lowing God , wyls
thankes

shakes gewing / for that inestimable bes
nefice off knowledg / which he bestoweth
vppō vs / who yet for our synnes deserue
wch the worse. yea ist the heauen poer /
cakethit a vaine vaunt off many graund
fathers / and greate graundfiers / thougs
he theye were retiuous how unsittunge
is it for him / that sittes in the arches off
the Englis he Hierarchie / professing to
bee a minister off the simple gospell / off
poore Jesus Christ / whose Kingdome
and glorye is spirituall / thuslike / a pore
blinde zebediste to aske he knoweth not
what with such a sturre to make suite for
the retaining off his place / to sitt on the
righthande / or lefte hand off Jesus Christ
in this worlde. Be I sayethat shoud
bee a bright light / and sauory salte to all
England / prophanelly to boast him off
such temporall homages / and Lordis his
pes ouer other and to esteme so glorious
the shewe off so many proude Ponifis
call antecessors / whose onlye names are
not cleane yenough for Christian moues
thes.

A number off thinges ther are fitter /
for matter off nyne lessons or double fe

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ffles/or more double /then for Christis
an Chronicles/or Ecclesiasticall stories/
off ihe which thoughte I wote well /dis
vers haue ther gentle corrections and
sofie censures/ yet are they generally tol
de/ so confidently/ and without any iuds
gment shewed vpon ihē/that it is great
daunger lest the poore blind papist be by
them made starcke blinde /and obstinas
te / The weake brother by ihē take a fall/
and the good Christian zelously grenaed/
to see such unlikely tales off Robin hoo
de/ so impudētly peape forth in this bro
ade daye/ which even ihē/ when they cold
see to doe nothing without cādels light
at high noone/ hardlie durst bee so har
dye/as to shewe ther balde heades/ but
in montishe Cronicels and libraries
off the darcle monasteries.

Lest therfore / the sowishe papiste
off Engeland/ might walter him wan
tonly in this little lumpe/ off his mirie pa
pis he trumperie/ which now perhaps he
beginnes to thincke deintie/or like a dog
ge/gredily swallow vppe / this little vas
mited gobet off written vnuerities/
from whiche he harky been wained now
g great

a great while (the lord god bee than
ked / for the blessed and happy instru
ment theroff his handmaide our Quee
ne Elizabeth / whose faith and zeale he
more and more encrease / and whose hos
tlye and helthfull life / he longe prolons
ge) I perswade my selfe that this little
preface / or any other more large treatis
se / beinge specially bent against suche
monkishe collections / wold not onlye
bee suffred / to passe freely / without cal
linge in or inhibicion: but also auctoris
zed / and not so soene seene / but allowed /
that so the open mouth off the Lewde
Papist / might bee stopped from slaudre
ring these tymes off the gospell / with the
approving of suche vngospellike legēds /
when he shall see this and suche like pub
likely approued / whereby thos cold winc
tales / are with all earnestnes reproved.

To set forth to the in Englishe all
that vaine collection / is neither my pur
pose / nor to any purpose: thow shalte
be lefte to the latine printed boke / for
somuch theroff as is already set forth.
But because this worthie worke seemes
not yett likid to the louely shape nos

L 119 groves

growne to the iust number (for the first
leafe in the title promiseth full seueniye
Archbisbops / and the last leafe perfor-
meth vppe but sixtie nyne) it is like es-
noughē/ it will not bee vnpleasant vnto
the nor against the author / fautor off
that boke / iff while he busierh himselfe
in monumentes off more edification/
and matters off more moment / some oþ
ther off lower calling and leſſe busines
adde vnto those 69. one other storie/that
came to light containinge the life off
this present Mathew Archbisbōpe/and
so absolve that worke / and make vppe
even the number off 70 Archbisbōpes
as in that latine boke is onely promised.
It is very like (I saye) that though per-
haps this devise may prevent him / for
the circumstaunce off tymē / and make
that borne before the tymē whiche the
fathir/ment shoulde haue been borne af-
ter his deathe: yet in substance it will not
bee against his minde / because when he
traveileth with 70. Archbisbōps in the
rule off his boke and when all comes to
ell bringerh forth but 69. doubles his
meaning was to perfect that mustre off

dead

dead men with a quick pay even with
the life off him that yet surerly.

And because you shall not thinke/
that you haue heare / a horses neke ioys
ned to any other then horses bodye vns
derstand^d you. that this seuentu[n]t he cam
out off the verie same shopp^e that other
did / perhaps it was but rough betw
en / by one of the prentises and wanted
sum polis hing by the forman. But qui
re to remoue from the / all suspicione off
beirge abused with any coyned or coun
terfaict marchandise / you shalbe thus
plainly delt with. The very latine ori
ginall hereoff / came from the Archbis
hops owne handes whose conscience ca
best enforme vsihe truthe off his owne
storie. It was couched in such order / as
you see. it / by a Platina of his owne / and
domesticall Chronicler for so the text sa
yeth. The copie wherout this is tourned /
was written by a man off his owne / I
thincke his secretarie. An other badge it
hath of his / that never failes / but makes
it his perfect will / and his vndoubted
deede / that is / the stampe off his owne
armes / descended as he saith off his aun

genthorwe / entermaried with those off
his sea / which is a superstitious pall all
double croised / or perced thorowe / with
that Archpastorall / or Archpapisticall
flasse. Hear with he marketh any thinge
that passeth his handes / so that though
perchapes / he will nowe so renounce / and
renoke it / as it shall not bee his will / afte
er his death: yet having seale / and beinge
by him delivereded / it must neades take ef
fecte by his life tyme / as his dede. And if
his handwriting / could give any strens
ghe vnto it / that is also not wanting. for
this word (historiola) is writen with his
owne hand / in redde oder letters / vppō the
browe of the boke / that by this oder mar
king / he may knowe his owne sheepe. And
as for the translation / though he perhaps
tharchbishope set hi not a worke / that did
it / yet assure thy selfe / it is as faithfullie
dōe / as he colde. And if thou beest at any
time troubled / to make sense of the Englis
she in some places / thinke that he was
worse troubled / to make any reason off
the latine in many places. This rule is ke
pte thoroughge out / to goe as neare the
Latine as may bee / and if he will have it
better

better donne by some other / the transla^r
tor will not be discontented. But if you
demaund in very good earnest / why it
is put in print / beⁿge so fond a thinge/
it must bee confessed euē in as good eare-
nest / that it weare to bee wished / dead
and buried / neuer to rise againe with us.
off those 69 Canterburie tales / and narra-
tions. But yet lest ye might perhaps by
many written copies / come into diuers
handes / or bee after whē matter of gree-
ter volumes is giue by his life or death/
bee all moulden vpp in one lumpe / and
printed againe together / and this addēd
to the rest / as a substanciall tale to make
uppe the tale off those 70. promised tales
(for so his meaning is else wou'd hee not
haue set downe seuenē Archbishes ha-
ving but 69 predecessors) perhaps this
may bee some good meane / either to let
that idle labor / or else to blase the credit
it deserueith before it stirreth into the worl-
de. And if it bee not possible / to deliver
this tyme from the blemish / which is to
suffre such a legend off Cāterbury tales/
to bee printed / with gracious countena-
nce of the greatest church mā: yet at least/
viii

this mighte bee done) to wipre awaye
this blot/that shall not suffer them goe
vndisgraced/ and vntaxed by one off the
meanest off the Laitie. I shall not need
to protest my selfe vnde off all affection
towards his parson / wo priuately never
offended me. and that it is only the publi
ke offence/ that greueth mee. which yet
(if it need) loe here Idoe / and solempnise
before you / with my penne take god to
witness off my hart / that he never hars
med mee/ in worde nor deede that I wo
te priuately. for whiche my lot is so lowe/
that I dare saie he knoweith me not/yt is
onelye therfore / the common ill / that
may come by publishing such idell dreas
mes in ihes dayes / that maketh me doe
that Idoe. The thinges therin described/
being in part/not all so true/ and in gres
atrest part / to to toyishe/doe sufficienly
disclose the value off it/to the wise / and
that it is no precious stome/ yet lest the
seckiest / might happen to esteeme / it but
worth a barlie corne / he shall haue two
or thre marginall notes for the treuer
understanding off the storie.

I haue hercunto sett / which is more
then

the I thought to hane done/ at the syrfs/
one off his tables / printed in the laud
bole off 70. Archbishopes / which table
if it had conteyned nothing but folie / it
shuld haue lien still for all mee: But haue
wing mater off impietie (as me thought)
I thought it very necessarie to detect it.

The effect is to shewe what a crea-
tor off Bishopes he hath been/and hows
many he hath consecrated/ in his dayes/
their vniuersitie / their age / profession/
.degree off learning/dioceſe/and naturall
contrye / a mater (I warrant) it off gret
at profit. And in the fiftē columnne
theroff / you see noted the order / that es
very. off thes Bishopes were off/ which
is either pres biter secular or presbiter
reguler/ and one or two he calleth minis-
ter secular : belike because he thought
(for I will not thinke that he wold ha-
ue vs thinke) that onely ther were not
a nointed/with those fulsome orders. If
this bee sett downe as an honor vnto
them/ I dare pronounce for a great sore
off them/ wheroff many bee godly men/
they thinke them selues dishonored by
this honor. And iff the puttinge on off
sacke

factiothe/or casting ashes on their cras
wnes/wold scowre a way that markes/
they wold do it with ready hartes.
But the bloud off Christ was her cleas
ner then ashes can scowre / and who
lived in those pitchie tymes / and was
not bepitched . Ifs thes titles off or-
ders/ bee set downe / to tell the trothe/
first what was that to the purpose / or
to what good? For though nothing
is to bee said at any tyme But the trus-
the/ yet I see not that all the truthe
to bee said at all tymes. Had not the
hole bene perfecie without suche an
vnecessarye table / or the table perfect
without suche vnecessarye columnes?

And ifs the simple playnes/and sins
glenes off the writer / were such as he
must needs tell all the truthe / whye did
he not at least / in the behalfe off those
godly men/and preachers off the truthe/
set out wirball/this truthe also / that is/ .
how sorie they are/and ashamed of that
their former priesthoode and howe
lothsome thes disorderly orders are to
them? for issin our familiar talke / one
to an other / every very honest humanis-
tie/

the/ and good manner forbiddeth to nas
me any unclean worde/ nor basing first
regarded the reverence off the berarers:
howe can it but prouoke vomyt/ to any
good spirituall stomacke/ iff wee in mat-
ters off diuinitie/speakē off such sluttish
thinges/ as (savinge of spirituall reves-
rence) that beastly markē of the Romaine
sacrifising priesthood without shewing
by some little worde before/ or after/ ws
hat wee thinkē offit. I wold bee glad
to enterpret well offit/ this I like not
that in the same table / next after the
Archbischopp / whoe must needs bee
first/ thoughē he had been but benet and
collect/ ther are placed the regular pries-
ties. I can not thynke / he honored thos
se aboue the other / and yet me thynkes/
as in the Romanist Churche / they have
the higher place / in so much that the os
other / thoughē affter a sorte / and
in regard off the lay men / were cal-
led spirituall / or men off the Churche
rather (for all other were counted
worldlye) yetenien those men off holy
Churche were also called seuler / in
respective off the onelye simply and
wholsē

wholye spirituall professed regulars.
Contrariwise (I saye) with a zelouse
professed gospeller / they shoulde haue
beenthe more detested/ and therfore pla
ced in the payle. I speake not off the men/
but off the orders/ which orders. I am
sure/ iff I doe mislike in them/ they them
selues do abhore in them selues.

But that which is wroght / thought
that ther bee diuers wrongly named/
who as I thinke having never beene pre
ests/are yet named priests secular/ ther
is in the middest off them onely two/
wher of one in the one province/ and o
ne in the other/ are sett downe myniste
rs. And they forsooth bycause they mu
ste bee disfigured/ like the other are also
rearm'd ministri seculares first you dide
wronge/ so to nyckname all the other
Christian men/ or bishopes/ as to miscall
them priests either secular/ or regular/
who haue put out that character/ and
cleeve put off those vncleane orders by
repentaunce/ as iff they had never bene/
and are become prechters off the glori
ous gospel off Jesus Christ.

IItem/ nowe you doe great wronge/

to those other / by givynge them a name /
in any part common with Idolatrous
priests / them I say / who even at the
first / were called immediatly / to the holy
mynistrie / off the glad tydinges / off our
salvacion / revealed nowe againe / more
electrie in these last dayes especyally:
the profession / and institution off that
preisthode beinge so contrary to the cal-
linge off this mynistrie / as Antechrist is
to Christ / and Baal to the lyving god.

Besides this epithete (secular) how
outrarie is it / to the function off a spiri-
tuall pastor / a minister / off the worde
off God / and breaker off the bread off
lyfe: where out off the Roman clergie/
I shall a man finde / such a title for the
minister off the worde / as to call him a
minister secular. What els did cause Des-
mas to steppe from the minstrye / but
presens seculum? And what an heape
off iniuries / are done to the ministers off
the gloriouſ gospell off Jesus Christe /
to call them Regular Priestes / or secular
priestes / still / that haue shaken it off / and
haue happelye disgraced themſelues /

f by

by takyng vpon them / a farre better de-
gree : then theroff to call them priestes
secular / whiche weare never other / then
ministers off the worde off God. And
even he / whome he himselfe calleth mi-
nister / yet because he shoulde not disgras-
ce(wherin me thinkes / the violence is
offred / rather to the Gospell / then to the
minister) that ignomynous Priestho-
ode off Baal / and shame there stayned
garmentes / with his faict garmentes /
that therefore / he must also / be disguised
with this Popis he addition / and pros-
faned epithite off secular. Perhappes tho
sprite which was in Caiphas his mon-
the/ād made hi prophete vntware / was
also in his penn / that wrote this booke /
in callinge them secular / whome indeade
this presens seculum / and the honors
theroff / hath made to worldlye / and bes-
witched / to the greate ruthe / off manye
good Christian hartes. I beseeche God /
with his spritte / to open theire eyes / that
theyc maye see / and be hartelye sorye so
to haue made / so manye so sorye. Whiche
I yet hoope for / and then / we shall be
gladd

gladd togithere. I am almosste caryed a
waye.

There lurkeþ yet / a further daunſ
ger / vnder these wordes / Minister ſeſ
cular. For thoughē in the darke daies / or
off thōſe men / that weare conſecrate /
or rather execrate / to that moſt vile vns
holye ſacrifice / it had ſome reaſon / to
call the Maſſinge Priefe / a priſte ſecuſ
lar thereby / to make diſtincſion betweeſ
ne him / and the onlye ſpirituall regular:
yet / in thiſ tyme off the Gopſell / to call
one / that was godlye caſled / to the bliſſ
ſed / and highe office / in Godes Churc̄h
offpreachinge the Gopſell / off the Lor^d
de Jeſus / who alſo did neuer vowe / to
ſacrifice that blaſphemous oblation /
and Idoll / but was moued onlye /
to aduaunce the kingdome off God /
by preacheinge hiſ word / to call ſuſh
one (I ſay) and in thiſe dayes a Miſ
nister ſecular / beſides the other open
euilles thiſ alſo lurketh dangerouslye /
that yt maye be probablie thoughte /
there is nouriſhed ſome reverente esti
mation off the regular / and eaſelye to

be implied that it myghte be lawefullly
enoughe evn in the Church off God/
to have Ministers also regulars. Elles/
what need this distinction off secular
Minister nowe / the other beinge iustly
gone/ and banisched?

And this Church off Englannde/all
swinge no mandevised order / off regu-
lar ministerie: The verye enterayninges/
off these badde names / off Poperye / is
not good/and it is strange/that anye gos-
speller / shoulde delighee in them / and
heere / theye are not vsed without fur-
ther perill. For though the tyme be
such/ and so enriched with knowledges/
as A numbre off childe/ woulde not vns-
afise to laughe/at manye off these dos-
singe toyes : yet there be also to manye/
that cannot / and to to manye that will
not discerne / betwene counterfaited
drosse / and righte drugges / but so it be
in gilded boxe / and haue the name off
some holesome spice/written on it: all is
one with them/evn to the losse off there
healthes everlastinge / and deathe/ both
off bodye / and soule. W^ecar aganist/
though

though I be not so learned a Phisicion
as to prescribe anye excellence receipte/
or soueraigne triacle / but leauue that / to
be done by some Galene: ye thoughte I
neverthe lesse / to do the partie off an hos-
nest Apothecarye whoc/ beinge not able
to tell the remedie/will yet warne off the
poysen.

The Lorde off all health / preserue
the sounde/ from all infections/ and resto-
re the infected / to thier soundnes agais-
ne/giuinge them pacience/ in the meane
tyme/ like good patients / to suffer such
medicine / as shalbe applied to remedys
off thier contagious disease/ with the res-
membraunce off this/ that noe medicine
is so halesome/ as that / which bringeth
greatest sorrowwe/ and that the woundes

off a brother/ or freende/ are swes-
ter/then the softe pillos
wes of an enes
myc.



and will be addressed to you by the friends
you have made in your travels, and
will be sent to you when you return to
England. I hope you will be well, and
have a safe passage when you return.
I am very fond of you, and miss you
every day.

Yours affly
John
Bodkin
Litteray



A Table Englished out off that Legend off Canterbury tales enstituled in Latin.

De Antiquitate Britannicae Ecclesiæ, & Priuilegijs

Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis cum Archiepiscopis eiusdem,

In the Prouince of Canterbury.

Vniuersitie.	Diocese.	Name.	Degree.	Order.	Countrye.	Age.	Consecration and Confirmation.
Cambridge	Canterbury	Matth. Parker	D. of diuin.	secular priest	of norwich	LVI.	1559. Decem 17.
	Chichester	willm Barlow	D. off diuin.	regular priest	of Essex	LX.	Confirm. 1559. 20. off Decemb.
Cambridge	Landoffe	Anth. kitchin	D. off diuin.	regular priest.		LXVIII.	1545. 3. of maye.
Cambridge	Hereforde	Anth. Dunston	D. off diuin.				Confirm 1559. 20 of Decem.
Cambridge	London	John Scorye	Ba. off diuin.	Regular priest	of norffolke	XLVII.	1559 21. of decemb.
Cambridge	Elie	Edmond Grindall.	Ba. off diuin.	Secular priest	of Cumberland	XL.	1559. 21. of december.
Cam. & oxf.	Worcester	Richard Coxe	D off diuin.	Secular priest	of buckingham	LX.	1559. 21. of december.
Cambridge	Bangor	Edwin Sandes	D. off diuin.	Secular priest	of lankestshire	XLIII.	1559. 21. of december.
Oxford	S. Dauides	Rowl. Mericke	D. off lawe.	Secular priest	of wales	LIII.	1559. 21. of decemb.
Oxford	Lincoln	D. off lawe.	Secular priest	of wales	LII.	1559. 2 of ianua.	
Oxf. & Cam.	Salisbury	Nich. Bolingham	D. off lawe.	secular minist.	of worcester	XLVIII.	1559. 21. of ianua.
Oxford	Asaph	John Tull.	Ba off diuin.	secular priest	of Devonshire	XL.	1559. 21. of ianua.
Cambridge	Rochester	Rich. Dauides	Master of art	secular priest	of wales	L.	1559. 21. of ianua.
Cambridge	Bathe & welles	Fd. Guest	B. off diuin.	secular priest	of Yorke	LI.	1559. 21. of ianua.
Oxford	Lichfeld & Cou.	Gilber Barkley	B. off diuin.	regular priest	of Lincoln.	LII.	1559. 24. of Mar.
Cambridge	Exceter.	John Bentham	Master off art	secular priest	of Yorke	XLVI.	1559. 24. of Mart.
Oxford	Norwic h	willm Alleye	Master of art	secular priest	Barkshire.	L.	1560. 14. of iuli.
Cambridge	Winchester	John Parcuse	maister of art	secular priest	Somerset.	XLVI.	1560. 1. of Septemb.
Cambridge	Peterborough	Robt Horne	D. off diuin.	secular priest	off Cumberland	XLII.	1560. 16. of ianua.
Oxford	S. Dauides	Edw. Scambler	D. off diuin.	secular priest	of lankestshire		Confir. 1561. 21. of May.
Oxford	Asaph	Rich. Dauides	D. of law.	secular pridst	of wales	XLIX.	1561. 26. of May.
Cambridge	Glocester	Rich. Cheyney	B. off diuin.	secular priest	of London	XLIX.	1562. 19. of Aprill.
Cambridge	Bristowe	the saide Rich.					
Oxford	Landoffe	Huge Dauides	B of law.	secular priest	of wales	LVIII.	1566. 5. of May.
Cambridge	Bangor	Nich. Robinson	D. off diuin.	secular priest	off wales	XLII.	1566 20. off Octob.
Oxford	Oxford	Huge Coren	D. off law.	secular priest	westmerland.		Confir. 1567. 14. of Octob.
Cambridge	Chichester	Rich. Corteise	D. off diuin.	secular priest	of lincoln	XLVIII.	1570. 20. of May
Oxf. & Cam.	worcester	Mich. Bolingham					Confirma. 1570. 26. of ianua.
Oxford	Lincoln	Tho. Cooper	D. off diuin.	secular priest	of oxford	L.	1570. 24. of Februar.
Oxford	Exceter	will. Bradbridge	D. off diuin.	secular priest	of london	LIII.	1570. 18. of March.
Cambridge	London	Edw. Sandes					Confir. 1570. 13. iul.
Cambridge	Salisbury	Edw. Guest					Confirm. 1571. 24. decemb.
Cambridge	Rochester	Edw. Freake	D. off diuin.	secular priest	of Essex	LVI.	1571. 9. of March.

In the province of Yorke.

Oxford	Yorke	Tho. Yonge					Confirm. 1561. 25. of Februa.
Cambridge	Duresme	james Pilkington	B. of diuin.	secular minist.	of lankestshire.	XLV.	1561. 2. of March.
Oxford	Chester	will. Downham		regular priest.	of hereford	L.	1561. 4. of May.
Oxford	Carleile	John Best		secular priest.	of Yorke	XLVIII.	1561. 2. of March.
Cambridge	Yorke nominat.	willm Maye	D. of law.	secular priest	of suffolke	LIII.	not consecrated
Cambridge	Yorke	Edmund grindall					Confirm. 1570. 23. of May.
Oxford.	Carleile	Ricb. Barnes		secular priest.	of lankestshire	XLIII.	